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# Offering of Choice and Rare PEONIES

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In season the peony is the Queen of the garden flowers. When established, a peony bed is very, very reliable, and gives very little trouble. A garden of peonies is an asset of ever increasing value.

Some years ago by means of a vote among the members of the Peony Society all of the better peonies were rated on a basis of 100 being perfection. These ratings immediately follow the names in the list below.

Peonies are classed as follows: Single. Those with a single row of wide guard petals, and a center of pollen-bearing stamens. Japanese. These resemble the single, but with the stamens and anthers in the center enlarged into narrow various colored petaloides. Crown. In this type the large petals form a high crown in the center of the flower, with smaller petals forming a collar around it. Bomb. This is the next step in doubling, and all of the center petals are uniformly sized, but differ from the guard petals. Rose. The completed double peony with all stamens transformed into large petaloids, similar in size to the guards.

The culture of the peony is very simple. Fresh manure in contact with the roots is to be avoided at all times, but can be forked in around well established plants. The crown of the plant should be set two or three inches below the surface, and all plants should be mulched heavily the first winter after planting. During the blooming season abundant water is to be given.

The following is a check list of the varieties now growing in our test garden, and includes some too expensive to interest the average gardener. It is to be remembered that a peony will increase in vigor and size for ten years after planting and it is well to start with varieties that will not be a disappointment later.

Most peonies will give some bloom the first year after planting, but it takes three years, and occasionally four, to get a perfect flower.

We guarantee all of our peonies to be healthy and absolutely true to name.

## Early White

- Festiva Maxima**, 93. (Mieliez, 1853). Large rose type of white, with center petals flecked with crimson; very tall, free bloomer.....\$ .75
- Grandiflora**, 87. (Richardson, 1883). Excellent rose type of milk white. Centers of various sized petals, which, when first opened, have delicate salmon and sulphur tints..... 1.25
- Jubilee**, 89. (Pleas, 1908). Rose type of ivory white, changing to pure white. Very large flowers in clusters on tall stems..... ~~17.50~~ 6.00
- Le Cygne**, 99. (Lemoine, 1907). Pure milk-white, with incurved petals. Immense free bloomer.... ~~25.00~~ 16.00

## Mid-season White

- Albatre**, 87. (Crousse, 1885). Rose type of milk white, with a few of the center petals edged with carmine. A large vigorous free bloomer..\$ 1.00

<b>Avalanche</b> , 87. (Crousse, 1886). Crown type of white, with center often splashed with carmine. Opens like a rosebud and is very fragrant.....	1.25
<b>James Kelway</b> , 87. (Kelway, 1900). Rose type of rose-white changing to milk-white. Flowers borne in clusters. A tall free bloomer.....	2.00
<b>Kelway's Glorious</b> , 98. (Kelway, 1909). Large white flowers, with outer petals faintly touched with pink. One of the best.....	35.00
<b>La Rosiere</b> , 83. (Crousse, 1888). Flat semi-double flowers of cream white.....	1.50
<b>Marie Jacquin</b> , 83. (Verdier, .....). Semi-double flowers of rose white .....	.75
<b>Mme. Emile Lemoine</b> , 89. (Lemoine, 1899). Semi-rose type of milk-white. Large double cup shaped flowers, with imbricated petals.....	1.50
<b>Mme. Jules Dessert</b> , 94. (Dessert, 1909). Rose type of pure white, overlaid with a sheen of delicate blush .....	<del>6.00</del> <del>7.50</del>
<b>Monsieur Dupont</b> , 85. (Calot, 1872). Semi-rose type of cream white, with petals streaked crimson and intermingled with yellow stamens.....	1.00
<b>Mont Blanc</b> , 86. (Lemoine, 1899). Compact globular rose type of milk white.....	7.50
<b>Primevere</b> , 86. (Lemoine, 1907). Compact flat bomb type, with creamy white guards splashed crimson and center light sulphur yellow. The nearest approach to a yellow peony.....	<del>4.00</del> <del>5.00</del>

#### Late White

<b>Alsace Lorraine</b> , 88. (Lemoine, 1906). Semi-rose type of rich creamy white, with the center petals delicately tinted brownish-yellow. Flowers in clusters .....	3.00
<b>Baroness Schroeder</b> , 90. (Kelway, 1889). Compact globular rose type of flesh-white shading to a milk-white. A free bloomer.....	1.75
<b>Couronne d'Or</b> , 81. (Calot 1873). Flat semi-rose type of white with yellow tints.....	.75
<b>Elizabeth Barrett Browning</b> , 91. (Brand, 1907). Soft shell pink, bleaching to white, with crimson markings on edge of petals.....	<del>12.00</del> <del>25.00</del>
<b>Enchanteresse</b> , 89. (Lemoine, 1903). Large rose type of creamy white, with guards splashed crimson. Center slightly flecked crimson, with greenish reflex.....	6.50
<b>Frances Willard</b> , 91. (Brand, 1907). Full globular rose type of bluish white, occasionally touched with carmine .....	<del>4.00</del> <del>7.50</del>
<b>Solange</b> , 97. (Lemoine, 1907). Large, vigorous and free blooming. Flowers of lilac-white, with deeper and orange-salmon tints in center.....	10.00

#### Early Pink

<b>Edulis Superba</b> , 78. (Lemon, 1824). Brilliant deep pink .....	\$ .75
<b>Eugenie Verdier</b> , 86. (Calot, 1864.) Loose flat semi-rose type of pale hydrangea-pink.....	1.00
<b>Eugene Verdier</b> , 83. (Calot, 1864). Compact rose type of pale hydrangea pink, edges lighter.....	1.00
<b>La Fee</b> , 91. (Lemoine, 1906). Compact globular rose type of deep rose-pink. A tall free bloomer .....	12.50

<b>Monsieur Jules Elie</b> , 92. (Crousse, 1888). Compact lilac rose flower, deeper at the base of petals, with a silvery sheen.....	1.50
<b>Octavie Demay</b> , 85. (Calot, 1867). Flat crown type, with guards and center pale hydrangea pink and collar white.....	1.00
<b>Therese</b> , 98. (Dessert, 1904). Violet rose, changing to lilac white in center. Free bloomer.....	<del>5.00</del> <del>7.50</del>

#### Mid-season Pink

<b>Claire Dubois</b> , 86. (Crousse, 1886). Compact, globular rose type of clear deep violet-rose, tipped silvery white .....	1.75
<b>Elwood Pleas</b> , 87. (Pleas, 1900). Compact rose type of light violet rose, shading to lilac white. Large, free bloomer.....	7.50
<b>Georgiana Shaylor</b> , 89. (Shaylor, 1908). Very large rose type of flesh pink, changing to delicate flesh white in center.....	10.00
<b>Lady Alexandra Duff</b> , 91. (Kelway, 1902). An immense cup shaped flower with very wide imbricated petals. A delicate blush pink shading lighter towards the center. A strong free bloomer .....	<del>5.00</del> <del>12.50</del>
<b>Marie Crousse</b> , 89. (Crousse, 1892). Bomb type of soft salmon pink, shading to a satiny lilac. Enormous flowers on strong stems.....	3.00
<b>Martha Bulloch</b> , 91. (Brand, 1907). Shell pink, with silvery tints, shading to a deep rose-pink in center. A tall growing variety.....	<del>15.00</del> <del>25.00</del>
<b>Modeste Guerin</b> , 78. (Guerin, 1845). Bomb type of solferino-pink tinged carmine. Best peony of its color to bloom at this season.....	.75
<b>Reine Hortense</b> , 87. (Calot, 1857). Bomb type, with a delicate pink center flecked with crimson, surrounded by white. A tall vigorous free bloomer .....	2.50
<b>Sarah Bernhardt</b> , 90. (Lemoine, 1906). Compact flat semi-rose type of mauve rose with silver tips .....	<del>3.00</del> <del>5.00</del>
<b>Venus</b> , 84. (Kelway, 1888). Compact crown type of pale hydrangea-pink, collar lighter.....	2.00
<b>Walter Faxon</b> , 93. (Richardson, 1904). Bright rose with a darker center. A tall, strong free bloomer .....	7.50

#### Late Pink

<b>Albert Crousse</b> , 86. (Crousse, 1893). Compact flat bomb type of shell pink, with center slightly flecked crimson .....	\$ .75
<b>La France</b> , 90. (Lemoine, 1901). Very large compact rose type of rose white, with outer petals splashed with crimson. A free bloomer.....	10.00
<b>Livingstone</b> , 81. (Crousse, 1879). Large compact rose type of pale lilac rose, silver tipped. Tall, strong grower .....	1.50
<b>Loveliness</b> , 88. (Hollis, 1907). Large compact flat rose type. Hydrangea-pink, changing to lilac white .....	<del>5.00</del> <del>10.00</del>
<b>Marguerite Gerard</b> , 84. (Crousse, 1892). Flesh pink fading to white. Large compact rose type. Medium height .....	2.25

<b>Milton Hill, 90.</b> (Richardson, 1891). Large compact rose type of purple lilac rose.....	3.00
<b>Mme. Auguste Dessert, 86.</b> (Dessert, 1899). Globular semi-rose type of rose pink, flecked with crimson .....	2.75
<b>Modele De Perfection, 78.</b> (Crousse, 1875). Compact rose type of light violet-rose, center darker .....	.75
<b>President Wilson, 94.</b> (ThurLOW, 1918). Soft rose-pink flower, changing to shell pink. Very fragrant .....	<del>25.00</del> 50.00
<b>Tourangelle, 94.</b> (Dessert, 1910). Large flat flowers of flesh-pink tinged rose and salmon.....	<del>10.00</del> 5.00

#### Early Red

<b>Adolphe Rousseau, 86.</b> (Dessert and Mechin, 1890). Semi-double flower of purple-garnet.....	\$ 2.00
<b>Augustin D'Hour, 78.</b> (Calot, 1867). Medium compact bomb type of dark brilliant solferino red .....	1.00
<b>Monsieur Martin Cahuzac, 88.</b> (Dessert, 1899). Semi-rose type of very dark purple-garnet, with a black reflex. The darkest peony grown.....	4.00
<b>Philippe Rivoire, 92.</b> (Riviere, 1911). An early rose type of dark crimson; large and well formed .....	20.00
<b>Richard Carvel, 88.</b> (Brand, 1913). Bomb type of very bright crimson. A profuse bloomer....	5.00

#### Mid-season Red

<b>Cherry Hill, 87.</b> (ThurLOW, 1915). Semi-rose type of deep garnet, showing a decided sheen. Very tall and erect .....	<del>8.00</del> 15.00
<b>Felix Crousse, 84.</b> (Crousse, 1881). Compact globular bomb type of bright red.....	1.00
<b>Karl Rosenfield, 88.</b> (Rosenfield, 1908). Large semi-rose type of dark crimson. A tall profuse bloomer .....	<del>2.75</del> 1.50
<b>Longfellow, 90.</b> (Brand, 1907). Compact rose type of brilliant crimson. A tall free bloomer.....	10.00
<b>Mary Brand, 87.</b> (Brand, 1907). Full rose type of deep red. A large, fragrant flower of medium height on strong stems .....	<del>5.00</del> 2.50
<b>Meissonier, 78.</b> (Crousse, 1886). Medium size bomb type, developing a crown with age. Uniform brilliant purple-red. Tall free bloomer. Sometimes called American Beauty.....	.75
<b>Rosa Bonheur, 90.</b> (Dessert, 1905). Flat rose type of light violet-rose, with guards flecked crimson .....	7.50

#### Late Red

<b>August Villaume, 73.</b> (Crousse, 1895). An extra large flower of magnificent form. Uniform color throughout, a deep rich violet rose.....	1.00
<b>Brands Magnificent, 87.</b> (Brand, 1918). Semi-rose type of deep dark red, with a bluish cast. Very beautiful in shape. Grows medium tall.....	<del>20.00</del> 10.00
<b>Officinalis Rubra.</b> The old fashioned double deep red. Flowers for Decoration Day.....	1.00

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